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Notes from the News

Dr. Robert McCracken of New York says that out of 433 Catholic churches and chapels in Rome, 121 are dedicated to Mary and only 15 to Christ.

According to revelations that have been coming out regarding purchases of liquor for the U. N. delegates, it takes a lot of alcohol to keep these gentlemen going. British delegation, for example bought 6,360 bottles of whiskey, gin, rum, and wine, 18 bottle apiece for its 45 members.

Venezuela is responding to the Gospel. A total of 155,000 tracts were distributed in Caracas in connection with the evangelistic campaign conducted by the Latin American Mission. In the effort led by Rev. Israel Garcia some 297 decisions for Christ were recorded.

The Federal Security Agency has just revealed that "heart disease and cancer kill more school age children than all infections and parasitic diseases combined." We have thought of these two diseases as being reserved to older people.

The president of the National W. C. T. U., Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, stated at the annual convention in Boston, that Americans now spend one million dollars an hour for beer, wine and liquor.

There are 365 "fear not's" in the Bible, or one for every day in the year.

According to Edwin J. Pudney of the Unevangelized Fields Mission, there are still 1,000 tribes in the world without the Gospel—350 in Africa, 300 in South America, 100 in India, 70 in Siberia, 60 in China, 60 in Indo China, and 60 in the Philippines.

Philadelphia will be the scene of what promises to be the largest Methodist gathering in the world next June when members of the church from many countries will join in a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. An attendance of 70,000 is expected.

In India the monsoon rains failed for the fifth consecutive year, the rice crop in Chittoor District is only a third of normal production, and many people are reduced to eating grasses, cactus fibre and tree bark to keep them from starvation. In June more than a million pounds of food, donated by church people in the U. S. A. were sent to the famine victims.

Joy Ridderhof is Director of "Gospel Recordings, Inc." of Los Angeles. They report that last year they disbursed over \$102,000 in making and distribution of Gospel Records in many languages. "This marvelous supply of our needs was without mention to anyone but God."

According to the latest available figures, the Roman Catholic enrollment (elementary and high school) in the United States increased from 2,431,289 to 2,607,879 during a ten-year period (1938-1948). During that same period the non-Catholic (largely evangelical) enrollments increased from 310,365 to 489,742. When reduced to percentages, we obtain the following startling statement: Whereas the Roman Catholic enrollment increased seven per cent (a normal gain), the non-Catholic enrollment increased sixty per cent.

The Light Shines in Darkness

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IN THE FIRST CHAPTER of the Gospel according to John, verses 1-5, we find a reference to Jesus Christ. He is considered here as a light that "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." It is interesting to note that in the Greek text the word which means "to give light, to shine," used in verse 5, is in the *present tense*. This means the light is *now shining*—continues to shine; in other words, that God through Christ continues to be active in our lives.

Jesus compared Himself to "light." John 8:12, "I am the light of the world: he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

The question for us is, Just what was Jesus trying to teach by calling Himself "light"? Perhaps the best way to answer this is to list several facts about "light."

I. Light is necessary to life. The process of photosynthesis, whereby food is assimilated for the use of our bodies, can be carried on only in the presence of light. Without light, then, our bodies would die physically in a short time. Just as natural light is necessary for natural life, so also spiritual light is necessary for spiritual life. Without Him we are "dead while we live."

II. Light is mysterious. In the science class at high school, a question used to be raised about light: "What happens to the light that is in a room when an electric light is suddenly switched off? It vanishes—but where does it go?" That question was never answered to the complete satisfaction of all the students. It was an absurd question, for we do not know *everything* about light—some things are still a mystery. So it is with spiritual light. A sincere Christian must humbly say, with Paul, "Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known," 1 Corinthians 13:12.

III. Light was created and given by God for the benefit of mankind. "God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: and let them be lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth," Genesis 1:14, 15. Spiritual light was given for the same purpose. "God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16.

IV. Light and darkness contrast very sharply. When I was a small boy, there was a blind man in our community known as "Blind John." He could not see his friends; he could not see his home; he could not see his wife. One day someone asked him if he could see anything at all. "Yes," he replied, "I can see well enough to tell daylight from dark." That was because of the contrast. It may not always be an easy matter to distinguish between right and wrong, but if anyone ever tells you that having done everything possible to learn the difference in right

and wrong he still does not know, ask him if he can tell daylight from darkness.

V. Light dispels darkness. It is impossible for light and darkness to remain in exactly the same place at exactly the same time.

When light comes in, darkness must go out. Sometimes this happens suddenly; sometimes it is a gradual process—the end result in both cases is the same. "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon," Luke 16:13.

VI. Light helps people to see. Perception of physical objects would not be possible if light did not strike the retina of the eye. When Jesus Christ lived upon the earth as a man, He often opened the eyes of people, letting light shine in so they could see. A good example is the healing of the blind man whose story is recorded in the eighth chapter of the Gospel according to Mark, verses 22-26. This man at first could see men that looked "like trees, walking"; soon after, he saw "everything clearly." Is it not possible that one object of this lesson is to teach us that using faith increases faith, so that we see more clearly?

VII. Light aids in giving color to life. In addition to sustaining life, the process of photosynthesis also makes possible the manufacture of chlorophyll, which provides the green coloring in plants. What a dull world this would be without color! How lifeless! God is the greatest Artist and Painter of all. Witness the earth—brown, black, sandy white, or yellow; the blue sky with drifting white clouds; the bluish-green of the sea; smooth brown or glistening white pebbles in a brook; the flashing red breast of a robin or the restful coat of a blue-jay; multi-colored leaves at autumn, from dusky-red to crisp golden; the vigorous green that always comes at springtime; or, in the highest form of art, the variety of colors in which God has cast His own creatures. In the Spirit of Christ, we can live more abundant lives by enjoying beautiful combinations of color.

It has been discovered that, of all the colors, blue and green are the most restful ones to most people. Is it a mere coincidence, then, that the sky is blue and the sea is green? Or did the great Artist—the loving God—make it so?

VIII. Light may serve as a guide. Try to get a mental picture of this idea sometime while singing that old favorite, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." It is well expressed in Psalm 119:105—"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path." And Christ Himself is the "Word"!

IX. The greater the darkness the greater the light. Several years ago, a mail plane crashed on top of Kennesaw Mountain, near Marietta, Georgia. Soon afterward a ro-

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Revelations of the Holy Ghost

By SAM W. EDMUNDS

TO BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED with a person, it is necessary for one to become accustomed to that person's traits or habits. If we know one's disposition, it is very easy to become friendly with one, for by knowing the likes or dislikes of the person we are able to adapt our life accordingly.

So it is with the Holy Spirit. When we become acquainted with the manifestations or revelations or outworkings of the Holy Spirit, it is easy for us to know what is pleasing to the Spirit and adapt our lives accordingly. To know the Holy Spirit, it is necessary for us to know in what ways He reveals Himself and what His duties are.

He Directs the Ways of Salvation

Isaiah 30:21, "Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it." The primary office of the Holy Spirit is to show lost humanity the way of salvation, and without Him there would be no conviction to tell the lost man he is a sinner and in need of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. In John 16:8 Jesus said, "When he is come, he will convict the world of sin." How thorough is the plan of God! He knew we would need something to penetrate the hardness of our hearts and tell us of His love, and in His great wisdom He ordained that His Spirit should stop the sinner, warn him of destruction, and direct him into the way of salvation.

He Reveals the Future

Luke 2:26, "And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ." Here is an old man that had waited for the promise of the Messiah, and, though death was on his trail, he knew death would not overtake him until he had seen the Lord's Christ. How did he know this? Because the Holy Spirit had revealed it to him. It is often the case today that a dying saint looks up and thanks God for saving a loved one who is still in sin. Why are they able to do this? Because God has heard that prayer of pleading for the loved one to be saved, and the Holy Spirit brings back the assurance that the loved one will be saved.

Acts 21:11. Agabus took Paul's girdle and bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth the girdle." Even as the Holy Spirit warned Paul of the impending danger ahead, the Holy Ghost today prepares us for dangers ahead. Often when some little thing that

does not have any significance at all comes across our path, there is something that moves within our breast and tells us to leave it alone; then, as time passes, we see that if we had taken part in that which seemed so little, it would probably have meant our downfall. God in His wisdom knew that we were fallible, so He ordained that His Spirit should not only tell us of the future, but prepare us for those uncertain times.

He Brings the Words of Christ to Remembrance

JOHN 14:26, "The Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall . . . bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

During those times that despondency has about overtaken the child of God, from down within the soul of that person the Holy Spirit speaks, "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able." When one sees a loved one steeped in sin, and wonders if there is any use to pray, the Holy Spirit whispers, "Where sin does abound, the grace of God does much more abound." As we look about today and see that the love of many has waxed cold and that iniquity does abound and men are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, the Holy Spirit reminds us to "look up, for your redemption draweth nigh." Even as the words of the Lord burned within the hearts of the two men that walked with Jesus following the resurrection, these same words burn within our hearts as the Holy Spirit brings them to our remembrance.

He Guides Into All Truth

John 14:26, "He shall teach you all things." John 16:13, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth."

A student is taught only so long as that student is submissive to the teacher, and a person is led of God only so long as that person follows the guide. It should be the constant aim of every child of God to have his or her mind open to the teachings of the Holy Spirit. It is wonderful to sit at the feet of great teachers, but how wonderful it is to ask wisdom of God "that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not." Realizing that man had lost certain mental powers in the fall, God included in the gift of the Holy Ghost the gift of "word of knowledge." College without Calvary is as empty as a piano without strings. Christ is never manifested in the spirit of error, and when the Holy Ghost is given permission to lead, He will direct into the "knowledge of the truth."

He Reveals the Things of Christ

John 16:14, "He shall glorify me, and shall show it to you."

If it were not for the Holy Ghost constantly revealing Christ and glorifying Him, the message of the Church would be void; there would be no central theme to thrill the lives of the hearers; there would be no story of God becoming flesh to redeem lost man; there would be no story of the resurrection; there would be no promise that Christ would some day come after His own, "that where I am ye may be also."

It is the Holy Ghost that keeps Christ the theme of Christianity, that tells the sick He is the Great Physician. It is the Holy Ghost that reaffirms to the child of God that Christ is the coming King.

He Directs the Things of the Church

ACTS 15:28, "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things."

The Holy Ghost is that "go between," or directing influence, that has been the power of choice throughout the hundreds of years since Pentecost. It is a great consolation that the Church has not been left to grasp for a solution to its many problems, but God, in His wisdom, has ordained that the Church should be led, not only by man's wisdom and judgment, but also by the Holy Ghost. There will never be a time of crisis for the Church of God as long as the Church is directed by the Holy Ghost.

He Reveals the Things of God

1 Corinthians 2:10, "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

What greater mystery is there than the mystery of the new birth, yet by faith in God the Holy Spirit has revealed the simplicity of it to all those who experience being "born from above." How does God take the ignorant and unlearned men and confound the wise with their words? The answer to such a question is simple. It is not their words, from their own wisdom, but the Holy Ghost has "told them what to say."

1 Corinthians 2:13, "Which things also we speak not in the word which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth." What a pitiful sight to see a man labor through a discourse trying to bring to hungry humanity the things of God without the wisdom of the Holy Ghost. It is a pitiful sight to see that man, but it is even more annoying to listen to those empty words as he stumbles from fallacy to fable.

He Enables Minister to Teach

1 Corinthians 12:8, "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit." It is not sufficient for one to know the things of God, so unto His minister He has given the Holy Ghost, which is the Force behind every preacher, the eye behind every discernment, the Hand behind every healing, the Voice behind every speaking in tongue, and the Mind behind every interpretation. What is it that enables a man from the coal mines, a boy from the cotton fields, or a maiden from the mill to stand before hardened congregations and move them to an altar of prayer? Is it the words they speak? No! A thousand times no! They

speak only in monosyllable words; they "butcher the king's English"; they know nothing of the stone age and the iron age; but within their souls the Holy Ghost moves, quickening the hearers to a knowledge of the things of God.

He Is the Only Means of Contacting God

1 Corinthians 2:11, "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

Man from the fall has been alienated from God; he has been of foreign material to Him. When God's Spirit came in to dwell within man, man became an alloy, consisting of man and God. God within man makes man able to contact God. Even as man knows man because he is all man, we are able to know a part of God now because we have become part of God by the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. 1 Corinthians 12:3, "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Ghost."

We know there were presidents of the United States by the names of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln by what is called history. History cannot prove that Jesus is the Lord, but by the revelation of the Holy Ghost there comes an assurance that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus told Peter that his revelation was from His Father in heaven. All that we know about Jesus comes from God through the Holy Ghost.

He Is the Earnest of Our Inheritance

2 Corinthians 1:22, "Who hath sealed us and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

2 Corinthians 5:5, "Who also hath given the earnest of the Spirit."

Ephesians 1:13, 14, "Ye were sealed with the Holy Ghost of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession."

Many of the attributes of the Holy Ghost are for the glory of the Lord and His Church, but here is a manifestation that is strictly for our own satisfaction. We have been promised an inheritance, "reserved in heaven, that fadeth not away." But until the time that we shall claim that reward, God has given us His Holy Spirit to claim as our own. To be adopted into the family of some great monarch or royal family would be considered something great, but think of not only being adopted into the family of God, but also consider the fact that God has given us something that no royalty could give to an adopted child, and that is the Spirit of the adopting Father.

The Holy Spirit is ours to "stand in" for us against the accuser of the brethren. He is ours to "go between" us and our High Priest, there to bear our every petition. He will be the burning fire upon the altar of our hearts until we have entered that city wherein lies our purchased possession.

God, in giving us the Holy Ghost, has not bestowed upon us a dormant spirit that dwells in lethargy; but the Holy Ghost is an ever-active part of the life of the Christian. The more avenues of our lives He dwells in, the more we appreciate Him. He loves to reveal Himself to the children of God, and where He is darkness must flee, ignorance must give way to a knowledge of the truth, and the works of the flesh must make room for the fruit of the Spirit.

SALVATION

By Leonard Newton



HERE WAS A TIME when man in his natural state was found of God, and God was found of him. Man, in his condition of innocence, walked and communed with his Maker, unashamed and unafraid. There were no secrets kept by one from the other, no wall of separation between them—until the time when sin was found in man's heart. Immediately the perfect communion between the two was broken.

God must have felt as an earthly father feels when he has made every provision for the happiness and health of his son only to be startled into the realization that the son has forfeited his right to these provisions through disobedience, when it becomes necessary to drive the son away from the household, before his acts of disobedience contaminate the entire place. No longer can the father and son talk over things of mutual interest and take long walks together, but they must separate. Yesterday, the father would take a glancing view of his son as they walked together, and pride would swell in his heart as he realized how much the son resembled him; his mind would fill with thoughts of the son's future, when he would carry out the father's every wish and render perfect obedience. But today, because of disobedience, the son departs down the unknown trail (becomes lost), while the father walks alone, truly a lonely man. The home will never be the same without the son.

God was lonely that day He took a walk in the garden. His son was in hiding. Sin had already begun its deadly work. Adam and Eve were now running from God and hiding. For the first time they became aware of the fact that they had a conscience; it began to bother them. It did not lead them to God but from Him. There are those today who claim the conscience as a guide to right living, but the Bible does not support this theory. For 1,656 years, or, from the fall of Adam to the flood, man used his conscience as a guide, and he ran head on into destruction (the flood). Although the conscience caused man to know and to fear wrong, it did not provide him with the power to keep himself from doing wrong, for which grace was needed.

There is ample provision for the salvation of a child until he touches the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. From that time on he is responsible for his sins, because then it is that he has the awakened conscience. Infant baptism, or child dedication, is not necessary and does not help the child in the least, as far as salvation is concerned. Salvation is strictly a personal

matter between oneself and God, and cannot be bestowed by an act of someone else.

The central theme of the entire Bible is salvation through Christ, and the text is found in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The exact starting point of this theme is found in Genesis 3:15, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." The serpent's head was bruised at Calvary by the seed of the woman. Here begins the "highway of the seed," Abel, Seth, Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, David, and Christ.

The third chapter of the gospel of John is the proper sequence to the opening of the Lord's ministry, recorded by the miracle at Cana and the subsequent first cleansing of the Temple. It deals with the regeneration of the individual, which is the first necessity to salvation, for which purpose the Lord Jesus came into the world.

Nicodemus was an educated man, a man of high standing among the Jews. He was conscious of his heritage and his standing, but realized there was something which he still lacked. In his coming to Jesus by night, he was typical of all people who are spiritually blind. All people grope and wonder in darkness until they do see the light, but, it seems, people of means are often times harder to persuade to accept the light than ones possessing less of this world's good and position. They can buy the sweetened bread of momentary pleasure that feeds the starved soul to satisfaction for the day only, and in the night of hunger they cry out for God.

FOR MANY YEARS the Church has placed a great deal of emphasis upon the "except" and the "must" of Jesus' answer to Nicodemus, as though they were commands. I contend that Jesus was not so particularly emphasizing the fact of salvation depending on the "must" from the standpoint of something which must be done, as if it were a possibility over which all men have control, but I think it implied the miracle necessary to accomplish regeneration, for that is what regeneration is. Any man may reform. He may change his beliefs and his acts, but the fact remains that it is not within man's own capacity to regenerate himself.

The language of Jesus is northern Aramaic, in this instance not easily understood by Nicodemus, a southerner. This fact suggests a question to all would-be soul winners of today. Can we speak the language of the men

whom we seek to win? Can we properly present the Great Physician to the medical doctor; the Word of God that is sharper than a twoedged sword that is able to separate the soul from the spirit, and the joints from the marrow to the Surgeon; the Discerner of the thoughts and the intents of the heart to the Psychologist; the Master Sower, Tiller, and Reaper, to the farmer; can we properly present He, of whom it was said, "Never man spake like this man," to the lawyers who know and appreciate the power of words; the one who said, "All power is given unto me," to the power-hungry men of today; and to the speed-mad men of today, the One who is coming from the right hand of God to this earth to raise the dead saints, gather the living ones, and be on His way back to heaven in the twinkling of an eye, or, less than a second of time?

The unregenerate person is exactly like Nicodemus—he senses the fact that there is something amiss. He cannot comprehend what it is. As soon as he is regenerated, he knows. Hence it is logical to tell him that after he seeks regeneration and finds it, he will know. The impossibility lies in not being able to "see" spiritually until after regeneration, for it precedes spiritual sight. This point needs emphasizing more today than at any time in the history of the Church.

John 3:16 is a wonderful verse, but the 17th verse is necessary to clarify it.

This is a perishing world. It is already under condemnation. Like a ship on the storm-tossed sea which has struck a hidden reef, it is a wreck. Every one is in danger. How few realize this fact. Preacher, until you get that picture fast in your mind, you will never amount to much! Until the heroic spirit of rescue lays hold on your heart, your message will be dead regardless of how flowery your sermons are.

GOD is not an outraged tyrant hurling thunderbolts from the sky at sinful creatures. He is not an angry God writing laws on tables of stone with an iron pen atop a smoking mountain, with men in abject fear. But He is throwing a lifeline to the sinking sinner. He is giving heaven's best for the world's worst! It is not man working out his own salvation in fear and trembling, but God in magnificent actions of love casting out his lifeline with the cry, "Lay hold upon this and be saved."

"The wages of sin is death" is not the sentence of God—it is rather the result of sin itself. It was not necessary that it be stated except as a fact we must face. God does not make it so—man made it so.

In the Old Testament, salvation meant physical deliverance to God's chosen people Israel, and they have a right to expect a physical deliverance yet in the future.

To Moses and his followers, salvation meant deliverance across the Red Sea and consummation of Pharaoh's army by water.

To Hagar and her son, Ishmael, salvation meant the well of water in the wild desert country.

To Daniel, salvation meant preservation first and deliverance next. Likewise the three Hebrews in the fire.

To the man on the sea, salvation is a lifeboat.

To the man suffocating, air becomes salvation.

To the man that has lost too much blood, a blood transfusion becomes his salvation.

Sin runs deeper than any physical condition and must have a special treatment for its eradication and for the cure of the patient. Sin is a universal ailment. Romans

3:23, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "There is no difference."

SINNER, I want to tell you how to be saved. *First, you must realize that you are a sinner, and lost.* Isaiah 53:6, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid upon him the iniquity of us all."

Second, Christ cannot save good sinners. Luke 18:11, "The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee that I am not as other men are."

Third, you must repent. Luke 13:3, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish."

Fourth, you must believe. Romans 10:10, "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Fifth, you must confess him before men. Matthew 10:32, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my father which is in heaven."

Sixth, take Him now. Isaiah 55:6, 7, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Then, you, like the eunuch (Acts 8:39) can go on your way rejoicing.

THE LIGHT SHINES IN DARKNESS

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tating searchlight was installed on a tower at the very top of Old Kennesaw, to serve as a warning. It burns twenty-four hours a day. In broad daylight it usually goes unnoticed. At night, against a background of pitch black, it *really shows*. Then it can be seen for several miles, as it turns round and round, flashing across the sky, sending its vital message to planes passing overhead. Again, the difference is caused by the contrast.

It is much easier to serve God among like-minded people than to *witness* for Him in some "hell-hole"—but that is when it *really shows*! A life lived victoriously in *overcoming* obstacles is brighter in the sight of God than one spent idly, dwelling in "flowery beds of ease." A triumphant life will not lose its reward.

X. "All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of one small candle." This anonymous statement, used as a magazine filler about fifteen years ago, suddenly caught my eye. It is a good thought, and a true one. Discouragements, disappointments, failures, of some sort, will come to us all. But no matter how dark, how dismal, a situation may look at the moment, we have the assurance that we are not ultimately defeated, for we have the promise, "Lo, I am with you always." Matthew 28:20.

Christ called Himself the "light of the world." He also said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven," Matthew 5:14, 15. The *source* of our light, to be sure, is Christ, but we must let Him shine through us. It behooves us always to keep our lamps "trimmed and burning."



The Approaching Storm

By O. L. McMANUS

Pastor, Tullahoma, Tennessee

The Father

Text: Luke 21:26, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

A STORM

WHEN WE THINK of a storm, we think of trouble and danger surrounding us. A storm is usually something destructive, but at this time we shall endeavor to deal with a different type of storm. A storm scatters and separates property as well as members of the family. Today we see the war clouds as they arise, boys leaving home, many of them to be buried on foreign soil. With communism trying to dominate the entire world, expecting our country to be attacked, our freedom at stake, all we have and have been, or expect to be is at stake.

Isaiah 33:14 tells us the sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites—afraid of what? Of the things that are coming on the world. Deuteronomy 28:67 tells us, "In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see."

As we look around and wonder why conditions are so confusing, we can ask ourselves a question: Have we performed our duties as God would have us to do?

CHURCH AFFILIATION

I appreciate my church affiliation, but the time has come when it will take more than merely church membership to be licensed or ordained, or to be the pastor of some local congregation. (Elijah was a leader of a group, but he had to meet the challenge.) The time has come when ministers will have to be men of courage, as Daniel, Caleb, Joshua, and Moses. When it came time for Moses to make his decision, he refused to be called Pharaoh's son, choosing rather to suffer afflictions with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

THE CHURCH

The Church is in a great conflict as to what it stands for and against, as we are living in the greatest day of

compromise, especially in the midst of the Pentecostal people. Some people of the various groups are striving for leadership, while others are leaving the organization that has made them what they are, and are looking for a place where they can have their freedom.

It seems that the world is falling apart, and no one seems to understand why. Daniel 5 tells us that Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and seemingly was trying to make merry at a feast until the handwriting on the wall appeared, and he suddenly became confused. Why? No one could read the handwriting on the wall except Daniel. Victory has always been won by a servant of God.

LET US LOOK AROUND

While our boys are being sent to different parts of the world, an unsettled rest has gripped almost the whole world.

FALSE DOCTRINE

Matthew 24:24, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Matthew 24:12, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

TAKE A LOOK INSIDE THE CHURCH

Many who once had the victory have grown cold and indifferent. So many have become confused. Why? Somewhere in the background there is a cause. Romans 1:28, "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind." There is only one recourse for us, and that is to read and obey the teachings of God's Word.

WHY?

2 Thessalonians 2:7, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let until he be taken out of the way." Friends, I am of the opinion that the Holy Ghost is doing all He can to help us in this trying hour, when so many hearts are failing them for fear. It is a question for each individual to decide, of course. The spirit of iniquity is here working with those who will let Him work. We must rise up and shake ourselves of everything that might hinder us.

HOW LONG WILL THIS LAST?

Hosea 5:15, "I will go and return unto my place, till they acknowledge their offense and seek my face." So it is with each of us to help determine how long this will last.

We are living in a time when a very low estimate is being placed on a consecrated life, when people can do or say anything and never attempt to make it right.

Reverend O. L. McManus is an experienced pastor of notable success. His work in the state of Louisiana is a tribute to his ability—especially the beautiful church he erected in New Orleans.

Our Refuge

By OWEN McMANUS
Evangelist

Isaiah 26:10, 21, "Come my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."



HERE, BY THE PROPHET ISAIAH, we hear God asking His people to hide themselves away from this world in a hiding place where they can be protected from the dangers that shall come upon this world.

Luke 21:36, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

According to the Scripture, there is only one redemption for the people of God, and that is to be prepared to go when Jesus comes from heaven for His own.

I am sure everyone who is prepared will go in the rapture when Jesus shall come for His bride. Only those who are unprepared will fail to go. According to St. Luke 17:36, one will go and the other will be left.

Some seem to think a change will help in a great way. They think a change at the head of our nation will cause things to become adjusted in a course of time. Others have decided that if they could move from where they live, or have been residing, that it would help in a great way, but to no avail.

Husbands and wives who have been living together for a number of years have decided they can no longer remain together, and they have decided to separate, thinking that perhaps things would be better, but to no avail.

Churches have decided they have the wrong pastor and have made an effort to get a new one. Pastors have become dissatisfied and feel that the thing to be done is to change from one church to another, to see if things will be better.

Amos 8:12, "And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east." There is but one chance for a God-called minister; that is, he must keep in contact with God, keep the fear of God before his people and make himself do the thing he or she needs to do.

Revelations 12:1-3, "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: and she being with child cried, travelling in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads." Verse four tells us the dragon is ready to devour the child as soon as it is born. Verse five tells us the man child was caught up to God and to His throne. We can readily see that at the present the Church is in a

Following in his steps as a minister is Owen McManus, his son. Owen is now serving the church as evangelist.



The Son

great conflict, and Satan is doing everything possible to hinder all those who are endeavoring to be ready to meet the Lord in peace.

Ephesians 2:2 tells us Satan is the prince of the power of the air, and the closer the time comes for Jesus to come for His people, the harder Satan is working to destroy everyone he possibly can. As the refiner refines the gold, when his image reflects in the gold, he knows that it is pure gold. So it is when Jesus' image reflects in the Church.

AM I READY?

Matthew 12:29, "Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house." Instead of people being unable to decide if they will go when the Lord comes, we should be determined to have the best of everything God has for us. Again we read in Matthew 12:43-45, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation."

As for me, I think Satan has returned and has entered into many. We find that Satan can only enter by binding the strong man, and I am of the opinion Satan cannot bind the Holy Ghost. Everyone needs the Holy Ghost to keep house for him. I Corinthians 6:19 says our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost. Satan has had it in for God ever since He cast him out of heaven, and he wants to send everyone to hell to get revenge on God. The scriptures tell us if the goodman had known what watch the thief would come, he would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

WHEN SHALL WE BE READY?

Matthew 24:44, "Therefore be ye ready in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

Psalms 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in the time of need."

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

Church of God Orphanage, Sevierville, Tennessee

Holiday Activities

INSTEAD OF "the night before Christmas," this is the night after Christmas. The excitement is about over, and the children are getting quiet in their beds. The little boys and girls are sleepily hugging their new "bedfellows," and the young children have their toys close by so that upon waking they'll be ready for play. The older girls have already written "thank-you" letters on their new stationery for their many wonderful gifts, and the boys have worked puzzles, played games and tried out all their new things. The children have skated, ridden tricycles and wagons, pulled toys around, played "house" with dolls and dishes, and rocked in pretty red rockers. For over a week Christmas joy has been here.

A large lighted tree had been placed on top of the Administration Building, and strings of lights decorated the cupola. The dining room, where the children meet three times a day, was beautifully decorated, and a Christmas tree was placed at the far end. The dormitories were also gaily decorated.

Our grammar school boys and girls presented their Christmas operetta, "The Legend of the Snowman," on December 17. This was something new for them, but they did well, and all who came enjoyed the program.

On December 18 the Lions Club of Sevierville gave a party for the children. As an extra treat, each child received a large sack containing an apple, banana, orange, and tangerine, along with plenty of candy.

Friday morning the children attended the morning school session, followed by treats presented them by their teachers.

After dinner on Saturday the air was filled with anticipation. The American Legion of Oak Ridge, along with friends from Radio Station WOKE, had planned a big party for the children. A large tree had been decorated and stood on the platform of the Auditorium, and a truckload of gifts and toys were grouped under and around it. By request, a list of the children assigned in our Home had been sent, and gifts had been prepared for them. Santa Claus came in, following a very interesting program presented by WOKE, and personally gave the gifts to every child. Many visitors were present and were amazed at the gifts, the estimated value of which was several thousand dollars—dolls, tricycles, wagons, toys of every description, and clothing of

fine quality. Following the gift presentation, all the children went to the dining room where Santa and his helpers served the children to fine refreshments—sandwiches, milk, ice cream, cake, and large sacks of fruit and nuts. Sacks of candy had been prepared, but were not served until Sunday evening, since the children had so much.

Sunday, the Lord's Day, was blessed. The morning worship and Sunday School, and evening service were enjoyed by all, at which time the old, old Christmas story was told again. The children and workers all rejoiced because Jesus came. Testimonies were given, and God was glorified. On Sunday night the Girls' Chorus went caroling around the town.

ON TUESDAY night the Orphanage Christmas program was presented. Two plays were given, one depicting the various ways people

spend Christmas and the real way to have happiness; the other was the story of blind Timothy and the effect of the Christmas story in his home. All who came enjoyed it immensely, and all who took part were at their best.

Then Christmas Eve was here. For several days workers had been busily preparing for the great event. This was the time when the children were to receive the gifts of relatives and members and friends of the Church of God. This was the time when the expectations of all were met by the generosity of God's people. After supper the children gathered in the dining room, where their gifts were grouped around the tree. The older boys and girls were delegated to help distribute them. Children's and workers' faces beamed as the number of gifts before them increased one by one. Everything was received joyfully, and the gratitude of all was expressed with a big "Thank you."

On Christmas morning we had another good service, with special singing by the children and a message by the Superintendent. Then the traditional Christmas dinner was enjoyed by all. The remainder of the day was spent in happy play and recreation.

The children and staff all join in expressing their sincere gratitude for what has been, without a doubt, the best Christmas for our children. Everyone here says, "Thank you," to all who helped make this a happy holiday season for the dependent children in our care.—Wm. F. Dych, Supt.

In Memoriam

HALL

Henry Frank Hall passed away October 5, 1952, at the age of 92. Surviving him are his wife, 2 daughters, and two sons. All who knew him will miss him very much. His funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. N. C. Ridgeway and Rev. Griffin at the Church of God at Fitzgerald.—Mrs. H. F. Hall.

CAMPBELL

Iona (Dacus) Campbell departed this life to be with Jesus December 17, 1952, at 5:15 a.m. She was the wife of Rev. J. O. Campbell, of Marietta, South Carolina. Sister Campbell was converted at the age of 12 and united with the Nine Forks Baptist Church, near Dacusville. She was sanctified when she was about 18 years old, while playing the piano in her own home. She graduated from high school at Dacusville and from Holmes Bible and Missionary Institute and was on the faculty one year. She taught school in Greenville and Pickens County. At the time of her marriage she was a member of the Holmes Memorial Church and received the Pentecostal experience there. On June 21, 1936,

she married Rev. J. O. Campbell and became a member of the Church of God at Belton, South Carolina, where her husband was a member. She was a member at Slater, South Carolina, when she died. Besides her husband, she leaves 3 brothers and a number of nieces and nephews. The funeral service was conducted at the Slater Church of God by Rev. Silas Meeks.—Her devoted husband.

CLARK

The Church of God at Linden, Florida, has suffered a great loss in the passing away of our dearly beloved Sister Emma Catherine Clark who was a charter member here and a faithful worker for the Lord and the Church. She is greatly missed by the Church, relatives and a host of friends. She is survived by her husband, R. E. Clark, 2 daughters, 3 brothers, 4 sisters, 12 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. Our loss is heaven's gain.—W. O. Crews, Pastor.

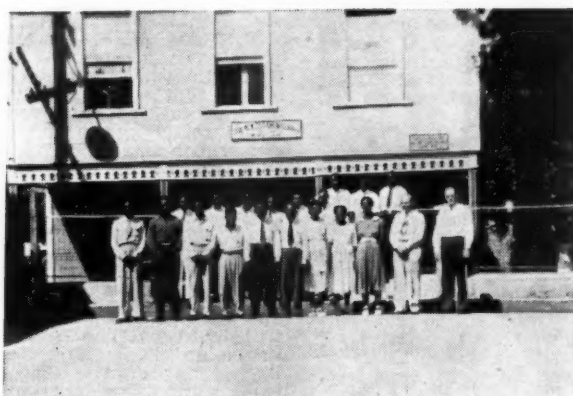
HUGHES

Dale Allan Hughes, 9 days old, son of Rev. and Mrs. John W. Hughes, Jr., of Williamstown, West Virginia, died October 30, 1952, from malfunction of the lungs. He leaves, besides his parents, one brother, his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Warner Larson, of Magnolia, Ohio, and his paternal grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes, of Petersburg, W. Va.—His mother, Mrs. John Hughes, Jr.

Man and missions

from the
Foreign Missions Executive Secretary's Desk
PAUL H. WALKER
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Church of God Bible School in Jamaica Has Successful Term



THE PICTURE shown above represents the teachers and students of the Bible School which was held in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

The group stands in front of the Church of God property in Montego Bay which was recently purchased and is a lovely place for a church and a school.

The Bible school was under the direction of the Reverend H. C. Stoppe. We had looked forward to this school, and planned for it for many months. When the time came we were all filled with hope and anticipation for a great time in the Lord, and we were not disappointed.

We had invited students from each parish in the Island. This was done so that each parish would benefit in some degree by having a student in the school, so each respective locality would reap the benefit when the students returned from the school.

The subjects taught were: Studies in Pastoral Work, Homiletics, Dispensational Truth, and Sunday School Management and Training. Brother

Stoppe was assisted in the teaching by Elder L. K. Looney, pastor of the church in Montego Bay.

Many words of appreciation for the school were spoken by those who attended, also many letters of appreciation have come into the office. All nineteen of the students were relatively young ministers with a bright future to do good for God and the winning of lost souls.

One student, expressing himself to me in regards to the school, said the only thing that could be better would be a permanent school, and I wholeheartedly agreed. We definitely need a full-time Bible School in Jamaica. I humbly request prayer that God will open up such a school in this field that is so much in need of it.

We, of Jamaica, express our heartfelt thanks to the Missions Board, the superintendent of the West Indies, and our faithful people at home for making this school possible. I believe this effort will bear much fruit for the kingdom of Christ.—A. W. Brummett, Overseer of Jamaica.

NOTICES

TO ALL CHURCH OF GOD PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

I should like to give you the directions to find the Laverne Avenue Church of God in Chicago. The church is located at 538 North Laverne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, between Madison and Chicago Avenues and Cicero and Laramie Avenues. If you want to ride the El trains to the church from downtown Chicago, take the Lake overhead trains or the Lake streetcars and go to the above given address. Or ride the Chicago Avenue bus to Laverne Avenue and walk three blocks south to the church. Also, you can ride the Cicero bus to Ohio Street and walk three blocks west and one block south to the church. Anyone having relatives living in the Chicago area, write me, giving me their addresses and phone numbers, and I will try to contact them and get them to attend our church. Any Church of God people who need employment and will come to Chicago and attend church here, I will be glad to assist in getting a good job. There is a demand here for much help; it is easy to get a job, and they pay well. If you do want to come, please write me, and I will tell you how to get here and help you get a job. Of course, I will expect you to attend the Church of God at 538 North Laverne Avenue.—Howard D. Statum, Pastor. Phone Austin 7-9003.

My address has been changed from Wilcoe, West Virginia, to Box 774, Fairborn, Ohio.—E. P. Musick.

In Memoriam

FOWLER

Rev. William R. Fowler, born Aug. 10, 1904, died July 4, 1952. He united with the Church of God at the age of 16, having received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at the age of 15. God called him to preach, and he was an active minister for 27 years in the Church of God. He served in Texas, Mississippi, and Louisiana, and was pastor of the Natchez, Mississippi, Church at his death.

Brother Fowler was married to Miss Myrtle Brown, of Eupora, Mississippi, in 1920. Sister Fowler proved herself to be a real blessing in his ministry and life. Brother Fowler is survived by his wife, his mother, Mrs. Viola Shepherd Fowler, 2 sons and one daughter. Church services were conducted in the Natchez church by Rev. G. C. Hamby, overseer of Mississippi, and the memorial sermon was preached by Rev. T. M. McClendon, overseer of Louisiana. Grave-side services were conducted at Forrest Park Cemetery, in Shreveport, Louisiana, by Revs. G. G. Williams and M. T. Johns. His fellow ministers and friends miss him very much.—One who loved him.



A Word of Comfort

By Mrs. F. W. Goff

2 Corinthians 4:17, "For our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

THE MINISTRY of suffering is far too deep for me. It is not for us to know why hundreds of God's own children are afflicted. But underneath the sorrow and deep pain that only the afflicted know is the blessed assurance of God's eternal love. He asks not that we understand, only trust. Jesus, speaking to Martha, said, "If thou wilt believe, thou shalt see the glory of God."—not if you understand, but if you believe.

In James 5:10, 11, we read, "Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy."

Job was a rich man who lived in Uz, a man that feared God and eschewed evil, a perfect and upright man. Yet, in a short space of time, his wealth was taken from him; his children killed; and his body afflicted from his head to his feet. All of this did not move Job. He still retained his integrity, and, with unfaltering trust, cried out, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him." David, the sweet singer of Israel, wrote many of his psalms while going through great sorrow.

Keep the upward look, dear saint of God; perchance God is allowing you to pass through this time of suffering that you may be better able to comfort others, or it may be that you have been shut off from other service that you may be a great prayer warrior. What a potent weapon you have

in hand. Use it, and great will be your reward.

A SHUT-IN PRAYER

Because, dear Lord, I may not go to-day
Out in the world of men; since their highway
Is closed today to me, I come to Thee—
Thou who hast been so very good to me.
I pray for those I may not otherwise touch
From this, my house of pain, yet whom I much
Long to relieve of burdens, weight of care;
For these today I lift a shut-in's prayer!

Because, dear Lord, their way is rough and steep,
And some are sore perplexed, and some do weep,
I come to ask that Thou wilt show the way
And give Thy rod and staff to be their stay.
Especially, dear Lord, for these I ask,
Who have not strength to meet their daily task;
And then for all weary on the road,
Give them fresh courage, ease their weighted load!

As for myself, Lord, may I not complain
Though long the hours, and sometimes hard the pain.
For all my comforts may I thankful be
And for the living, constant thought of Thee.
Lord, use me here, Thy shut-in; let me be
A link connecting human need and Thee,
Forgetting self in having, thus a share
In meeting others' need by way of prayer.

—Ruth Winant Wheeler.

COURT of PRAISE

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio—I thank the Lord today for being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for all His many blessings and the many times He has answered prayer for my family. I also praise Him for the healing of my body.—Mrs. Don Hughes.

SCOTLAND, Ga.—I praise the Lord for healing my eyes when they were bothering me so badly.—Mrs. Georgia Johnson.

DURHAM, N. C.—I wonder if any of you ever tried praying and felt that God did not hear your prayers. I'd like to say that it will surely make you stop and take notice of your situation. I had really known the Lord in my young girlhood, but drifted away from Him. However, I never did forget to pray at times, especially if there was sorrow in my life. I often drew close to the Lord, but I would never get close enough to really know my sins were under the blood. The trouble was that I didn't want to pay the price. After crying to God for several days, and He had not answered, He began to talk to me. The first thing I had to give up was smoking. God really delivered me from the habit. After I became willing, the desire to smoke was completely gone. Then I had to give up my beautiful diamond rings—now that was something else, for my husband had given them to me. I cried and prayed, trying to get around that, for I loved my rings and had always wanted diamonds. At last I realized, when God spoke, it was either obey or give up, and I didn't dare give up. I realized I was having my last call from God—either go on with Him or be lost. So I let my rings go. Then my make-up. "Well, now, I just wouldn't look presentable without that, and, besides, my friends just wouldn't understand." I began to ask God why I had to give up all these things. The Lord answered, "I have greater things for thee." I took Him at His word. I soon learned. I've found so much happiness in obeying the Lord. He has been so real in my life. I can never tell what the Lord has done for me. I know I'm saved, washed in His blood, and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. Pray for me to ever do the will of God.—Mrs. Noble Pritchard.

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio—I thank God for His saving and healing power. I praise the Lord for healing my son when he was sick, also for healing my body. God has healed us many times and the healings hold good today.—Mrs. L. R. Moore.

REVIVALS

ZEBULON, N. C.—We just closed a wonderful revival with Rev. Bobby Tucker as evangelist. God worked in a wonderful way and the entire church was blessed. 3 were saved, 2 sanctified, and several were healed. One child received his hearing. Rev. and Mrs. Tucker were a great blessing, and we heartily recommend them to any church.—Bernice Edwards, Church Reporter.

MARYVILLE, Tenn.—We thank the Lord for the great revival He has given us at the Mountain View Church of God. 32 were saved, 44 were sanctified, 45 received the Holy Ghost, 7 were baptized in water, and 6 were added to the church. Others are to be baptized and added to the church. Rev. Woodrow Morgan was the evangelist. We appreciate his good work and labor here.—James K. Earls, Pastor.

SEARCY, Ark.—The Searcy Church of God is in a big revival with E. G. Castleberry as evangelist. The services have been in progress for one week. 14 have been saved, 11 sanctified, 11 received the Holy Ghost, and 4 were added to the church. Rev. Castleberry is a fine Church of God evangelist and he would do any church good.—Eugene C. Garner, Pastor.

SCALY, N. C.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here at Scaly with Rev. John H. Cobb as evangelist. The Lord blessed in every service. Many nights the Spirit of the Lord worked in such a wonderful way that no preaching was necessary. 5 were saved, 3 sanctified, and 2 received the Holy Ghost. Brother Cobb is a wonderful man of God and would be a blessing to any church. His address is Taccoa, Georgia. Pray for us here at Scaly.—Rev. J. C. Quilliams, Scaly, North Carolina.

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va.—The Lord has blessed in a wonderful way here during our three week revival with Evangelist Bessie Suit. 17 were saved, 3 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and 8 were added to the church. We praise God for His many blessings. Our new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Flinchum, are a great blessing to us.—Thelma O'Hara, Reporter.

CARBON HILL, Ala.—We have just closed a five week revival with Evangelist L. S. Bell from South Carolina.

12 were saved, 5 sanctified, 5 received the Holy Ghost. Several nights the Holy Ghost worked in a wonderful way. Christians renewed their vows and received again the joy of their salvation. Brother Bell is a wonderful man of God and the church appreciates his ministry. We thank God for our good pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Ragsdale, who have worked very faithfully with us. We praise God for all His blessings to us.—L. M. Keeton, Carbon Hill, Alabama.

JESUP, Ga.—We just closed a five week revival at Big Oaks. 22 were saved and 13 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The revival was a great blessing and Rev. Hilda Hewlitt, our evangelist, did some fine preaching.—Rev. M. D. Carter, Pastor.

COLUMBIA, Miss.—The Columbia Church of God is moving forward in the work of the Lord. We appreciate the interest of our new pastor, Brother C. E. Swenson, has taken in the work here. Since his coming, we have begun a parsonage and are progressing wonderfully with it. We have also raised our quotas. Our regular services have been spiritual, souls have found God, and 7 have been added to the church.

We have just closed a good revival with Rev. and Mrs. Kustel doing the preaching. 4 received the Holy Ghost. Sister Kustel was a blessing to our young people. She conducted Children's Church each evening before services. The chalk talks and flannelgraph stories were truly instructive. Pray that God will continue to bless the work here.—Ruby Bostwick, Reporter.

MILAM, ROAD, S. C.—We just closed a wonderful revival at the Milam Road Church of God November 23, 1952. Brother W. D. Manly of Enoree was evangelist for a week-end. Under his preaching 1 was saved, 5 were reclaimed, 1 sanctified, and 4 received the Holy Ghost. Under the preaching of H. L. Criggers of Newberry, 9 were saved, 2 reclaimed, 4 sanctified, and 5 received the Holy Ghost. The total of the entire revival was 10 saved, 5 sanctified, 7 reclaimed, and 9 received the Holy Ghost.—Fred Burts, Pastor.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Birmingham's South Park Church of God had a successful revival recently, with Rev. F. C.

Atkinson, evangelist, preaching for the 18 nights. Around 30 experiences were reported, with 7 additions to the church.—Harold F. Douglas, Pastor.

TELEGRAM

Great revival breaks out at Bristol Church of God. Twenty-eight saved, 17 sanctified, 15 baptized with the Holy Ghost. The evangelist, the Spirit of God.—C. T. Dunn, Pastor, Bristol, Tenn.

CLIFTON, Ariz.—The Clifton Church of God is still praising the Lord for the revival that we have just closed. Rev. C. W. Collins, our state overseer, was the speaker. Truly he is a man of God, with a God-given message in his heart. There was one saved, one added to the church, and the church has a deeper determination to do more for God.—Willford Morgan, Reporter.

BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—We had a revival with Rev. Harry Bartholf as the evangelist. The church was greatly revived and several were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Anyone will do well to secure Brother Bartholf for a revival.—G. L. Herring, Pastor.

URBANA, Ill.—A great revival was conducted at the Church of God, December 7-14, with 12 saved, 3 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 9 received into the church. The church was greatly blessed. Some of the greatest preaching we ever heard was by the young evangelist, Rev. Robert Blazier, of Carmi, Illinois. Any church desiring this boy will be greatly blessed.—N. A. Jordan, Pastor.

FITZGERALD, Ga.—We are happy to report a very successful Christmas revival conducted by Sister Irene Hillhouse. This was a continuation of her revival held here in June of 1952, which closed with 25 seekers in the altar. Opening on Wednesday night, December 3, and going on through the holidays, there were 19 who received the Holy Ghost baptism and 11 added to the church. We couldn't keep a record of the number saved, but the revival closed Sunday night, December 28, with 16 seekers in the altar. This brings the total for the 2 revivals to 53 receiving the baptism. We thank the Lord for what has been done and for Sister Hillhouse who has been a blessing to us and our church, and if someone tells you you can't have a revival through Christmas, you ought to try it. It is no secret what God can do! Pray for us at Fitzgerald.—Joe T. Cooper, Clerk.

UNION GROVE, Ga.—We have just had a great revival, conducted by Rev. J. E. Smeltzer. It continued for 17 nights, with 78 saved, 40 sanctified, 42 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 27 added to the church. Many were healed of various diseases. The attendance was good every night. Our daily broadcast was enjoyed by all who heard it and added greatly to the meeting. Brother Smeltzer is a wonderful speaker.—M. B. Norris, Pastor.

REPORTS

Kansas Prayer Conference

Amidst a large melting snow, people began to gather at the McCormick Street Church of God in Wichita, Kansas, for what was hoped to be the greatest prayer conference ever experienced in the State of Kansas. The date was December 2. Even though a snowstorm had struck a few days before, and had left its remains for the sun to melt, it was one of the greatest.

A warm feeling of fellowship with

God and the Holy Ghost from the very beginning of the first service was felt and it lasted throughout the meeting. Undoubtedly, prayer had been offered for this great meeting ahead of time. The smooth way the meeting was conducted was to its credit. Rev. Doyle Stanfield, the state overseer, was at his best to conduct a meeting of this kind in his unique way.

It cannot be said about our state that God has no chance to manifest Himself in our services. That was clearly demonstrated, since prayer and consecration, along with brotherly fellowship, was stressed very emphatically. Fasting by many of its attendants made this prayer conference a real time of consecration to the ministers and friends of Kansas.

Kansas has the right to boast of good fellowship among the ministers. It has been observed by the writer ever since he has been in this state. The welcome mat is always out for any new ministers that choose to make Kansas their field of labor for

the Master. All of these attributes are honored of God, I know, for it has been demonstrated in the prayer conference.

Brother A. T. Perkins, state overseer of Oklahoma, started the ball rolling with a stupendous message on the connection of the two worlds. This message brought us in connection with heaven, and that same connection lasted throughout this meeting. It is impossible to give proper credit to all the deservant sources.

Brother John C. Jernigan, Assistant General Overseer, graced this prayer conference with his presence and message on Wednesday night. His message was "I Am Ready." Emphasis was placed on being ready to minister to the needs of our people. Thursday morning was a unique service, with the "Fireside Chat to the Ministers." In this discussion he told of his conversion and first sermon. This particular part was of interest to everyone. The Thursday afternoon session was a thrilling one. It was a time of rejoicing as the wash basins

CHURCH OF GOD HAS SACRIFICE SUNDAY



Pictured above are: Rev. H. G. Gray, pastor; Jack Ouzts, Ray Turner, D. P. Burton, Finance Committee; and Rev. Dowdy, District Pastor. In the background are other ministers of the district.

GIVE THEIR WEEK'S EARNINGS TO START BUILDING FUND

The members of the Edgefield Church of God, along with the pastor, sacrificed their entire week's earnings

to begin a building fund. The total contributed was \$605.32, including the floor offering.

The services lasted throughout the day with a basket lunch served at

noon. The morning speaker was Rev. J. F. Ard, pastor of the Abbeville Church of God, and the afternoon speaker was Rev. Daniels, pastor of the Aiken Church of God.

REPORT



Pictured above is the East Louisville Church of God parsonage recently purchased by the Church. It is located at 823 East Main Street, only about 4 blocks from the church and on Highway routes 31-E and 42. Anyone traveling this way is invited to visit us. This lovely parsonage has 8 rooms, 2 baths, basement, automatic gas furnace, and lovely yards. The building has been almost completely furnished by the Church. I have been with the East Louisville Church for almost 8 years, and they are a wonderful people with whom to work.—J. David Pitts, Pastor.

were filled with water and we engaged in a time of fellowship, washing one another's feet. Every minister took part in this service, and many remarked it was the greatest service of all. You can understand this glorious feast when you know that it was preceded by the Lord's Supper. My, how God came down and blessed our souls together! I do not know of one whose heart was not melted with that love and compassion exemplified by our wonderful Lord.

The conference was climaxed by a glorious time of healing of sick bodies. Brother James E. Marks and Brother Grady Chaney set a wonderful foundation for the writer to climax the service with a healing line, and the glory of God descended upon the meeting to deliver sick bodies.

It would not be right to forget to mention the fine messages brought by some very gracious men such as Brother W. J. Millwood and Brother James H. Clark. All the messages from the very beginning to the end dovetailed to bring us to a glorious ending, with the victory of God resounding in our hearts, to go to our churches and do more for God than ever before.

Taking everything into consideration, such as entertainment, food, and hospitality by the local Wichita churches, we parted with this phrase repeating over and over in our hearts—**IT WAS GOOD TO HAVE BEEN THERE**.—Reporter, Amos A. Ledford, pastor at Chetopa, Kansas.

TYLER, Tex.—The Lord has blessed the Church of God at Tyler, Texas, immeasurably in the past two years. Under the capable leadership

of Rev. and Mrs. Henry B. Ellis, the Church has moved forward in every respect. The membership has been almost doubled with 76 new members. A Sunday School Department has been added consisting of 7 rooms and the auditorium has been remodeled. An air-cooling system has been installed and the latest addition was a baby grand piano. The Willing Workers have completely redecorated and partly refurnished the parsonage. Brother and Sister Ellis have organized a junior church and we are now

praying for a junior church building.

Many new people have been visiting the church and a revival spirit has prevailed with some soul being saved every Sunday night since our district convention, October 24 and 25.

We recently closed a successful 3½ week revival with Brother Bennie S. Triplett in which the saints were greatly revived, 13 saved, 7 sanctified, and 6 filled with the Holy Ghost.

We thank the Lord for His many blessings and for our good pastor and family whose untiring efforts have endeared them to every heart.—Mrs. Viola Miller, Church Reporter.

NEW WORK AT POND CREEK, TENNESSEE

A new work has been started at Pond Creek, in the State of Tennessee. Under the fire of opposition, we battled against satanic powers and gained the victory. Sister Rosa (Hawn) Lemons, who for twenty-three years has been a member of the Church of God, along with her husband felt led to build a brush arbor on their land, which became a blessing to the little community. We went out for a revival, and had great success. Sister Griggs, also a member of the Church of God, opened her home for Sunday School work, and gave two acres of land on which to build a church. Our small band of Sunday School workers started raising money to build. Last summer we had the land excavated and made ready. This fall we had enough money in the treasury to start our new church building. (Thanks to the Pond Creek Church of God Sunday School). Our church will be 30 by 40 feet inside, with a seating capacity of 200; the choir will be elevated, and we plan a nice orchestra pit.

If you live near this little community and want to work with us, we shall be glad to have you. Please pray for the Pond Creek Church. My mailing address is Rev. Merle H. Greene, 340-20th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

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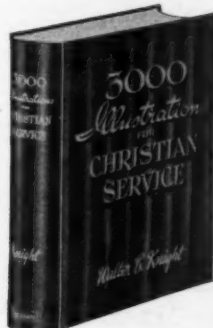
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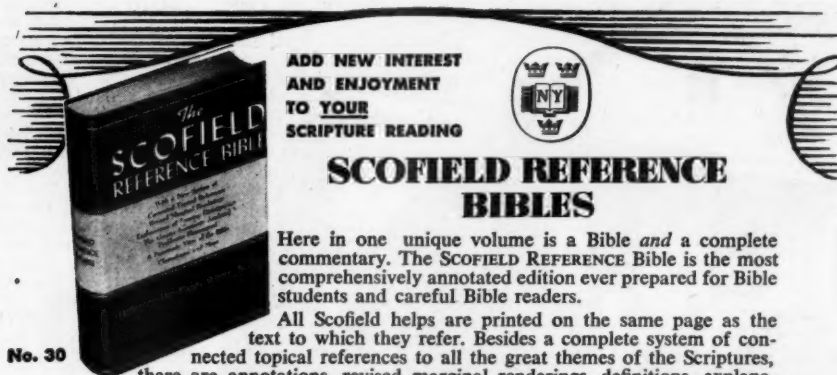
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• Mt. 8:14;
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• Lk. 8:23.

partners, which were in the ship, that they should come help them. And they came filled both the ships, so that

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25 Which was the son of Mattathias, which was the son of Amos, which was the son of Naum, which

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